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(54) **Sectorized multi-function cellular radio communication system**

(57) A communications system (10A, 10B) comprises cells (11), each cell comprising a substantially centrally-located receiving and/or transmitting antenna member surrounded by a plurality of substantially sector-shaped regions (12, 14, 38, 40) extending out to the edge of the cell from the antenna member, the antenna member comprising a plurality of circumferentially distributed directional antenna elements (15A, 17A, 15B, 17B), each antenna element being arranged to communicate only with receivers (20, 22, 28, 30) located within a single one of said sector-shaped regions (12, 14, 38, 40) lying within the range 2 degrees to 15 degrees.



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